



# TIDINGS

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## A note to you,

The executive board voted on January 9, 2012, to send letters to the legislature stating that the association was opposed to expanded gambling. I was asked what the official position of the association is on expanded gambling and why does the association think gambling is wrong. Since the executive board voted unanimously to take a position against expanded gambling, this is the official position of the Association. I can't answer for the members of the association as to what reasons they have for believing that gambling is wrong. I can only answer for my beliefs about gambling.

I believe the Bible is the guide for my life and my lifestyle. The Bible says: **1 Peter 2:21-22(NKJV): For to this you were called because Christ suffered for us leaving us an example that you should follow His steps who committed no sin nor was deceit found in His mouth.** Jesus lived a sinless life and we are to follow His steps and His example, so we as Christians are to strive to live as pure of a life as possible. We are to live a moral, clean and honest life, giving an honest day's work, being honest in all our dealings. We are not to go to the casinos or bars, or play the lottery or bet on horses. Doing any of these will destroy our Christian witness to those around us. We should go to church, study our Bible, pray and witness to the lost. We are called to live a life that far exceeds the world's standards.

**Phil 4:19(NKJV) And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.** I believe God knows what I need, and I believe that God will provide what I need. I trust in God's provision for me. If I gamble I'm saying I don't trust God and His provisions for me. God has taken care of me for 65 years without gambling.

The Apostle Paul said in **1 Tim 6:10(NKJV) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.** Gambling is a form of love of money and as the Apostle Paul says this will cause a Christian many problems.

## Food For Thought:

Florida has what some Kentuckians want: "racinos," or casino gambling at racetracks. Florida collected \$141 million in casino tax revenue in 2010 and earmarked it for education. Yet it's slashing K-12 school spending by \$540 per student this year, and it's suffering through annual tuition hikes of 15 percent at state universities. Casinos didn't "fix" Florida schools, despite the politicians' promises, said Mark Pudlow, spokesman for the Florida Education Association. "Everybody makes the argument for more gambling in their state by saying, 'It will help education!' But it just ends up replacing money that then gets shifted to other things — in our case, it was building prisons — and soon, we have less money than we started with," Pudlow said. "Look, you're either committed to providing education and other essential services for your citizens or you're not," he said. "If you are, the state will raise the necessary revenue. If you're not, it won't. Opening casinos to get your money is just a cop-out."

Robert Reeves, Communications Director of the KBC said, "You are probably aware that the governor is planning to call for a constitutional amendment on expanding gambling during this General Assembly session that could bring as many as nine casinos to Kentucky. Approval of such an amendment would be bad for Kentucky because it would essentially allow the big gambling corporations to begin siphoning millions of dollars out of the state's economy. State government coffers would benefit in the immediate short term from taxes and licensing fees but the people of Kentucky would be big losers in the long term."

I encourage each of you to make your opinion known to your representatives on expanded gambling by calling the following number. **Kentucky's Toll-Free Legislative Message Line (1-800-372-7181).** The message line takes calls from citizens wishing to express their point of view on legislation. This is the fastest, easiest, and least expensive way to contact your elected officials.

**When you call,** all you need to do is simply dictate a brief message for your representative. The message will be sent to your representative along with your name, address, date and time it was given.

**Hours to call:** During the legislative sessions, the Legislative Message Line is manned Monday-Thursday from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. EST. On Fridays, it closes at 6:00 P.M. In between legislative sessions, the Legislative Message Line is manned Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Yours in Christ,  
Bro. John Ryder

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

*from the Association and our CHURCHES - Jan.*

**CAMP REPORT**— Camp closed for the season. Need help before we open up next year. Call the office if your church wants to help.

**EX. BOARD REPORT**—We had 19 churches with 82 in attendance. 2 measures was opposed 1st—Name Change for SBC and 2nd—Expanded Gambling.

**ALLANSVILLE**—Enjoyed participating in the Assoc. Christmas Carol Sing at Corinth in Dec. We are making plans to have our Easter Passion Play on April 6-7.

**BEECH GROVE— No Report**

**BOONES CREEK**— Keep Boones Creek Baptist Church in your prayers as we search for a Pastor.

**CALVARY**— We had a wonderful Children's Christmas program and Choir program. We collected for 14 Christmas Food Baskets which our youth sorted and delivered. We held the Christmas County Store at the nursing home which the residents could "purchase" Christmas gifts for their family members. 44 people attended the Youth Christmas party hosted by Claren & Michelle Jones. 67 people attended the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. 37 attended Watch Night Service on New Years Eve. The Operation Christmas Child goal for the Lexington area was 16,000 shoeboxes, we exceeded our goal over 20,000 were collected, to God be the Glory! We are still receiving the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. A game night is being planned for some time in the future.

**CENTRAL**— During Central's Sunday Evening Service on Jan. 22 at 6pm, Larry & Bobbie Womack, will present a program on their mission work in the Philippines.

**CLAY CITY**—We had 47 people who enjoyed the good meal and fellowship at Michaels in Ravenna. We gave several Kroger gift cards to needy families for Christmas.

**CORINTH**— All enjoyed the Christmas Dinner and Christmas Youth Program. Community Dinner-Jan 29th-31st-5:30pm to 7pm at the church. Sweetheart Banquet planned for Feb. 12th, following AM Worship Service. Bring a family member or friend and join us.

**COW CREEK**— Children's Christmas Program Dec. 18. Christmas caroling to shut-in and nursing home Dec. 21st with chili supper afterwards at the church.

**EMMANUEL—No Report**

**EPHESUS**— Elected Ernest Christopher to serve as an active deacon. Baptist Men's Day Jan. 29. Valentine Banquet Feb. 11th. Youth Winter Jam concert at Rupp Arena Mar. 10th. Congratulations to Bro. Todd and Nancy on the new addition to their family, **Jaden Aaron Rader-8lbs 1oz. Born Jan 17, 2012.**

**FAITH**—The Church had a fun night Christmas Caroling, and gave out fruit treats and hot chocolate at Church. Also had a great Christmas Morning Service. The Children's Sunday School Class spearheaded our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Church gave \$160.00 to the mission fund this year. Now we are praying for more souls to be saved around the world in 2012. Pray for Faith Baptist Church that as God's people we will get on fire for the Lord's Work.

**FRIENDSHIP**— Went Caroling on Dec. 14 with chili following. Youth presented the annual Christmas Play. Did food baskets and toys for families with children. Men's breakfast on Feb. 4th. Ladies breakfast on Feb 11th.

**GREENBRIAR**—Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all! A Candlelight Service to celebrate Christ's Birthday on Christmas. Fruit giveaway & children's presents were handed out. Feb. Birthday's: Pauline Bingham, Lisa Trimble and Pastor Delmar McGee.

**HEIDELBERG— No Report**

**HERITAGE**— All Services are now being held at our new location, **4369 Lexington Road.** We had 3 baptism on Christmas Day. Welcome to our new Pastor-Rev. Tim Christopher. We are fully blessed.

**HOWARDS MILL**— Had our Christmas Dinner Sun. Dec 11th after Morning Worship. Had Candle Light and Communion Service Fri. evening Dec. 23rd. Morning Worship Service was on Christmas Day at 10am. Very good attendance.

**IRVINE FIRST**—Dec. 11-Holiday Meal, the fun, food and fellowship was plentiful. Dec. 18-Morning Service, Special Christmas Music Holiday Program by Jeremie Michael. Great! Dec. 18-Evening Christmas play for "Kids of All Ages" and a very special guest (Santa Clause). Dec. 25-Christmas Day-Morning Service only.

**IRVINE FIRST**—Jan. 1-Sun, after pm service there was a Deacon Mtg. Jan. 9 -Ex. Bd. Mtg. Providence BC. Jan. 11-Wed. at 7 pm Business Mtg. and Bible Study-Everyone welcome. Jan. 18-Wed 5pm Sunshine Ladies Mtg. come and see what the New Year brings. Jan. 29-Sunday Baptist Men's Day!!! They always do a great job. Bldg. Fund Raising also.

**IVORY HILL**—We gave 9 children gifts from our angel tree, 23 food boxes to needy with fixings for a Christmas dinner, 60 fruit baskets to widows and widowers, and passed out 100 treat bags to members of Ivory Hill on Dec. 18. We also had a small Christmas program on Dec. 18 at 6 pm. Plans for future include more evangelism in our neighborhood and some long overdue maintenance work on our church building.

**JEFFERSONVILLE**—Our Nov. Revival was great with Rev. Foy Back. Opening service, drawing the line in the sand. How many of you are willing to step out for the Lord's work? Are you for Him or against Him? Almost every person present came to the Alter of Prayer. Participated in the Dec. Christmas Hymn sing at Corinth Baptist, a great turn-out. The Churches presented some on the most beautiful Christmas music. The Christmas Dinner produced 100 plus people, a wonderful fellowship together with family and friends, some of which haven't seen for quite some time. Our Christmas Play was astounding. The presentation brought the point of Christmas to reality. With 175 in attendance. God really bless'. The Church Food Pantry met the needs of 36 families with Food Basket Vouchers. The Youth/Junior Youth, had an over-night lock-in on Dec. 30, in celebration of the Christmas season and the coming New Year. The children proved to be challenging; not being bad: just full of delightful energy. Kept the adults very active!!! Jan. 22, we will hosting the Son's of Liberty singers in our Evening service-6pm. All are Welcome to come join in the fellowship and joy of singing, refreshments will be served after the singing. We want to thank the Boones Creek Baptist Assoc. for helping schedule the events throughout the year for all the churches to participate in, to enjoy the love of Jesus Christ, and be part of the Family of God. Pray and prepare for a prosperous New Year. Thank you and God Bless each and everyone.

**KIDDEVILLE**—Working on Community Outreach project to assist families in need with food boxes. Installation of new canister lighting complete. It was a wonderful addition for illuminating the Christmas play.

**MACEDONIA**—Bro. Ed Davis filled in for Bro. Kevin on Dec. 11th. The choir along with the children presented "A Candlelight Christmas" on Dec. 18th evening service. Refreshments were served following the performance. There was a special visitor for the children. We delivered Christmas baskets to needy families. The children brought socks and ornaments they had made to the residents of Windsor Care Nursing Home. Sunday School teachers attending a meeting at Central Baptist Church on Jan. 7th. Deacons are planning to attend a deacon retreat in February.

**MEANS**— Had a group attend Christmas in the Valley at Renfro Valley. Had a group attend the Blueprint Conference on Sunday School Growth. Ministered to several needs in the community during the Christmas Holiday. Began focusing on the "One United Voice, One Fresh Vision" theme for 2012.

**MT. OLIVE—No Report**

**NEW COVENANT REFORMED—No Report**

**NEW HOPE**— Christmas Program and Services. Day Care did a special program. The 4 yr. olds quoted scripture, the whole Christmas story. To continue Children Church. Replaced hymnals.

**NORTHSIDE**—The Choir participated in the Hymn Sing at Corinth on the 2nd. Our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner was on the 4th with many attending. The Christmas play was presented on the 11th & 14th. What a wonderful job the children did. Thanks to Sharon, Edee, Dawn, Rick, Aaron and others for their devotion to months of practice and preparing the props. Many braved the cold on the 16th to go caroling, soup and sandwiches awaited all on their return. A fun evening for old and young alike. The 25th was such a blessing. A full church celebrated the birth of our Savior in Song and Sermon. The Choirs cantata "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" was so uplifting. The month and year ended with soup, sandwiches and Service. Praying the New Year in. Thanks to Bro. Jesse and Sharon for preparing this each New Years Eve.

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### February Calendar

2-WMU Fin. Committee Mtg. Louisville  
6-Deacon Ministry Training-Danville, Ky  
9th- 10th-Joshua Cluster Launch-KBC  
9th-11th-Basic Training Journey for Church Planting-KBC  
12-Racial Reconciliation Sunday- All Churches  
13-Ex. Board Mtg.-Salem BC-Irvine, KY  
13th-18th-Focus on WMU-all Churches  
14-Guidestone Live-Griffin Gate Marriott-Lexington-8am (free lunch at noon)  
14-St. Valentine's Day  
15-GuidestoneLive- Severns Valley BC-E-Town-8am (free lunch at noon)  
16-Guidestone Live-KBC-8am( free lunch at noon)  
18-Children's Ministry Day-Churches & Assoc.  
20-Presidents Day  
20th-21st-SBC Ex. Committee Mtg. Nashville, TN  
22-Ash Wednesday  
24-Family Mission Night- Spears Mill BC-7pm  
25-Pastor's Prayer Breakfast-Michaels-Ravenna, KY 9am  
27th-28th-KY Evangelism Conference-Porter Memorial BC-Lexington, KY  
28-State Evangelism Conference-Women's Emphasis-Porter Memorial BC-Lexington, KY  
29-Leap Year

#### Best Wishes to Feb. Birthdays:

3-Tom Barnes-New Covenant Reformed BC  
5-Ray Coates-Pastor-Allansville  
6-Patty Martin-Retired Pastor's Wife  
13-Noreen Lahrmer-Pastor's Wife-Cow Creek  
16-John Runyon-Pastor-Spring Street  
23-Delamr McGee-pastor-Greenbriar  
28-Barbara Bishop-Retired Pastor's Wife

#### Best Wishes Feb. Anniversaries:

14-Todd & Rebecca Blevins-Faith  
16-Gerald & Barbara Bishop-Retired  
22-Chris & Judy Winkler-Irvine First

University of the Cumberlands  
Offers Courses for Credit or Audit through  
Winchester Extension Center  
Spring Schedule

Tuesdays (6:00-8:45 pm) January 31-May 15, 2012  
Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke)  
3 Semester Hours

Thursday (6:00-8:45pm) February 2-May 17, 2012  
Poetry and Wisdom Literature  
(Job, Psalm, Proverb, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)  
3 Semester Hours

Costs:\$125.00 per course, plus books  
(for audit): free, plus books

Register now by calling 859/749-5327 or 606/663-7870

Need a minimum of 10 students

### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Disaster Emergency Relief Volunteer's Needed
2. Go Metro USA and Find It Here 2012. Contact the association office for more information

New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in Winchester has an ongoing need for baby wipes, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6) and formula (Good Start in green and orange cans), as well as continued financial support. Churches are encouraged to support local Pregnancy Centers in honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Jan. 16, as well as throughout the year. Please call 859-744-5988 with any questions or to arrange drop-offs.

#### CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Web Site: [www.calltohelp.org](http://www.calltohelp.org)  
FEIN# 31-1005844

Judy Crowe, Executive Director  
Phone 859-744-5034  
E-MAIL: [clarkcommunity@bellsouth.net](mailto:clarkcommunity@bellsouth.net)  
Fax 859-737-1910

#### REPORT OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2011

1092 FAMILIES SERVED

43 FAMILIES WERE NEW CLIENTS

FOOD	964 FAMILIES
CLOTHING	55 FAMILIES
UTILITIES	31 FAMILIES
HOMELESS PREVENTION	8 FAMILIES
FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY	18 FAMILIES
SAFE HAVEN	2 FAMILIES
T.B.R.A. HOUSING	7 FAMILIES
EMERGENCY TBRA	3 FAMILIES
RECOVERY PROGRAM	1 INDIVIDUALS
TRANSIENT LODGING	2 FAMILIES
TRANSIENT BIKER	1 INDIVIDUAL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS	10
THRIFT STORE DONATIONS	2395
MONETARY DONATIONS	48

Operation Happiness was held for the 41<sup>st</sup> year and served families with a holiday box of food, toys, hats, coats, gloves, and a visit with Santa. There was an amazing turn out of volunteers to help park cars, carry boxes, wrap gifts, greet visitors, distribute toys, give away Bibles, make home deliveries, and serve lunch to all our guests.

\$46,091.00 in donations for Operation Happiness came in during a six week period. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped and contributed in any way! The event was a great collaboration of community volunteers from all walks of life.

Community Services received a donation of 250 pair of new children's shoes to give to local families. Please call the office if you are aware of a need and know the requested sizes. Speak to Judy Crowe or Jennifer Havens.

Community Services received a \$5000 grant from the PNC Foundation in Louisville to support the Family Self-Sufficiency program and Job Readiness Training. Plans to utilize these funds will be announced early in 2012.

### **Church Pews—**

**Contact David Treadwell—**

**256-490-6137. Carpenters for Christ has 22 pews to give away.**

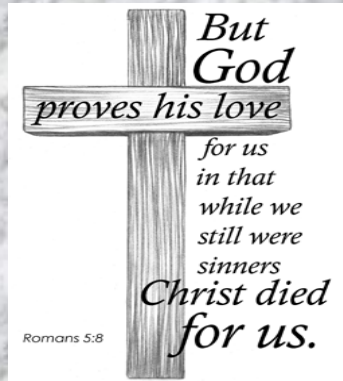


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**Disaster Emergency Relief Volunteer's Needed**

The disaster emergency relief committee needs volunteers. The vision for the committee is: An Association church has a problem that it needs help with, i.e. electrical, plumbing, etc. It needs help because it doesn't have funds or manpower to deal with the problem. This committee will utilize available resources (manpower) to correct the problem. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact your pastor or the association office for a volunteer sign up form.



**TO ALL CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION:**

The Disaster Emergency Relief Committee is available to the churches for projects that require manpower.

Call the Association Office 859/744-0037 if you need help.

**Building Fund For The Camp**

You can donate to the Boones Creek Baptist Association in MEMORY or in HONOR of a Love One. Please write on your check memo: **Building Fund.**

**II Corinthians 8:20-21**

**20-Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:**

**21-Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.**

**Attention Youth Directors:**

Don't forget that we will have our **2nd Annual Youth Hymn Sing June, 8, 2012** at Friendship Baptist Church, Irvine. We would like for it to be even better than last year.

***NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS from the Association and our CHURCHES (Continued)***

**PANOLA**—Our Christmas Cantata went well. Starting work on our 200th Birthday in Sept. Lots to be done. Anyone with information, pictures of Panola Church let our Clerk know. Carolyn Kidd-150 Pine Meadow Road, Waco, KY 40385

**POWELLS VALLEY**—Had Christmas Dinner Dec. 11th. Food Baskets delivered on Dec. 17th. Christmas play on Dec. 18th. Watch Night Service Jan 1st.

**PROVIDENCE, C.C.**—Enjoyed a Fellowship Dinner on Sunday night Dec. 11th. Christmas Program Dec. 18th.

**PROVIDENCE-EC**— We were blessed to hold the Ex. Bd. Mtg. earlier this month. We are having a Christian Creation Science Seminar with Bro. Bill Pfoff on Jan. 28, at 5 pm at the church everyone welcome. We are expanding our nursery here at church, we have been blessed recently with some new "little" members. How exciting! We are giving them room to grow and play. We are so thankful for the work the Lord is doing here at Providence. We are saddened with the loss of one of our faithful member Lorene Rose. Lorene served in many position at church but was well known for praying for the lost friends and family members. She kept a written list of names for lost people of the church and church family. She will be missed, our lives are better for just knowing this wonderful lady.

**REID VILLAGE**—We delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to 7 needy families. Our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner was Dec. 3rd. We delivered 118 Christmas shoeboxes to Freeda Harris Center in Pikeville, along with diapers, clothing, coats, toys, etc. Our children's Christmas play was Sunday night, Dec. 18th. It was a wonderful production of "The Present is the Future". Our choir went caroling at Windsor Care Center. WMU delivered 375 Christmas cards to jail inmates, Gateway Children's Service, Shepherd's Shelter and Windsor Care Center. We delivered fruit baskets to shut-ins at Christmas. We had 8 girls from the youth group attend lock-in at the church. The group "New Jerusalem" will be singing at our morning worship on Jan. 22nd. of January

**REID VILLAGE**—We'll have a potluck meal after the singing, visitors are welcome to come and worship with us. Our 5th Sunday Hymn sing will be Jan. 29th at 6 pm. We are planning to show the Movie "Courageous" again near the end of January. We are having a Valentine Party Friday night Feb. 11th. Our WMU group is working on Valentine's cards for the Windsor Care residents, jail inmates, Shepherd's Shelter and Gateway Children's Service. Our youth is planning to attend Winter Jam on March 10th. We will begin a Beth Moore study for women in March—more details next month.

**SALEM**—Enjoyed Hanging of the Greens, Christmas Dinner, Christmas Program and Caroling. Salem's Youth took part in the Estill Co. Arts and Crafts Show, where they played the bells and did special music with other instruments. Salem also delivered seven food boxes. Delivered 10 Fruit bowls to sick and shut-ins. The men are making plans and looking forward to the their Prayer Breakfast.

**SPEARS MILL**—Youth Christmas Program "Chris-Myth Busters" and Adult Choir Cantata "Mary Don't You Know?" was well attended and enjoyed by all. Dec. 25th had Morning Worship service only, no Sunday School. Lottie Moon offering exceeded our goal with a total \$1293.00 this year. Praise God! Dec. was a busy month and Jan. is here and we are now making plans for 2012. Will have more to report next month. Pray for the sick and the lost. Blessings to you Spears Mill.

**SPRING STREET**— Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinner. Auction for WMU. Great Cantata Performance. New study on 1st Corinthians on Wed Night.

**THOMAS**—Dec. 18—our Youth presented the Christmas Program and we handed out 100 treat bags to those present. We gave 15 Fruit Baskets to the sick and for shut-ins. We had a good attendance at the Christmas Day Service and Communion was served.

**VALLEY VIEW**— Looking forward to see what the Lord brings in this New Year.

**WM. MEMORIAL**—Our Choir and children presented an excellent concert and program for Christmas. We collected toys for Tots during the month. Our Christmas fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.